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TO: ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND RESIDENTIAL CARE AND/OR
ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES IN IDAHO
AND PROVIDER ASSOCIATIONS

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SUBJECT: BUREAU OF FACILITY STANDARDS REVISED WEB SITE

It is with pleasure that I announce the launching of the revised web page providing direct access for information relating to certification and licensure issues. The web site may be accessed via either of these URL links:

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov>

or

<http://www.facilitystandards.idaho.gov>

If accessed through the first link, it is necessary to locate and click on Medical (left-hand part of screen) and then click on Facility Standards (left part of screen). Using the second link opens directly to the Facility Standards tab.

On the Facility Standards tab we have included links to provider/supplier professional organizations, listings of licensed/certified providers – alphabetically and by state DHW region, links to boards, and other links and information to facilitate communication.

Presently the Facility Standards tab has four sub-tabs: Assisted Living, Educational Resources, Informational Letters, and Nursing Facilities. There will be additional tabs added as they are finalized. The additional tabs should include information of Acute and Home Care (e.g., hospitals, home health agencies, rural health clinics, dialysis, ambulatory surgery centers, etc.) and Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with

Mental Retardation (ICF/MR). Within each provider/supplier specific tab, the visitor will be able to locate information relating to operational and regulatory aspects specific to that provider/supplier category. There are links to tools, statutes/rules/regulations, informational letters, contacts, and announcements. By clicking on the *Information Letters Index*, located within each providers tab, it is possible to view all BFS informational letters organized for that specific entity. Clicking on the informational letter number, e.g. 2006-1, will open that document. A complete listing of all of our informational letters is provided on the tab with the same name. Those letters are organized by provider type with the latest letters being at the top of the list for each provider.

A new tab has been added, Educational Resources. This tab provides information and links that should enable the staff members of providers and suppliers to access useful information relating to the clients they serve. We have divided this tab into several general categories to help locate the relevant information. This information is not all inclusive, nor does the Bureau or the Department endorse or support the contents of the individual links. Links are provided solely for the benefit of our provider communities and their staff. We will also post training modules on this tab as those modules are developed.



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